

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
WORKSHOP SESSION – DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS
JULY 18, 2002**

ITEM 17

SUBJECT:

CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED ORDER REGARDING PETITIONS FOR CHANGE AND EXTENSION OF TIME FILED BY OROVILLE-WYANDOTTE IRRIGATION DISTRICT AND YUBA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT ON PERMITS 1267, 1268, 1271, 2492, 11516 and 11518 (Applications 1651, 2142, 2979, 2778, 13957 and 14113)

DISCUSSION:

Oroville-Wyandotte Irrigation District (OWID) developed and operates the multiple-purpose South Fork Project. The primary purpose of the project is to develop irrigation and domestic water supplies for OWID and Yuba County Water District (YCWD). OWID has constructed seven reservoirs on the South Fork Feather River and tributary streams and has built a diversion facility on Slate Creek, a tributary to the North Yuba River.

On October 16, 2000, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) held an evidentiary hearing on petitions filed by OWID and YCWD. OWID petitions the SWRCB to add municipal and industrial uses as authorized purposes of use under Permits 1267, 1268, 1271, 2492, 11516, and 11518 and to consolidate its place of use under the six permits to cover its current service area boundaries. OWID also petitions for an extension of time to complete construction and application of water to beneficial use under Permits 11516 and 11518. YCWD, which jointly holds Permits 11516 and 11518 with OWID, petitions the SWRCB to add Yuba City to the authorized place of use under Permit 11518, to add municipal use as a purpose of use, and to add a point of diversion and rediversion on the Feather River near Yuba City to the permit. The SWRCB also considered partial revocation of Permit 1268 in the proceeding.

Based on the evidence in the hearing record, the proposed order conditionally approves OWID's petitions to add municipal and industrial uses to the six permits and to change its place of use. The SWRCB also conditionally approves YCWD's petition to add Yuba City to the place of use under Permit 11518. The petitions for extension of time for Permits 11516 and 11518 are denied and the Order partially revokes Permit 1268.

POLICY ISSUES:

The Board will consider, at a Board meeting, whether to adopt the proposed order.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This activity is budgeted within existing resources and no additional fiscal demands will occur as a result of considering this item.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT:

None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The staff recommends that the SWRCB schedule this item for consideration at a Board meeting.

Policy Review _____

Legal Review _____

Fiscal Review _____